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KAISER READY TO HEAR PEACE PLAN, IS REPORT

Washington Hears President's Second Mediation Offer Has Been Accepted by Emperor.

Protection of German Territory and Commerce Said To Be Terms Demanded For Ending Hostilities.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- There is a persistent report in Administration circles that Emperor William has accepted conditionally President Wilson's second proffer of mediation.

These conditions are said to insist that German territory be preserved and German commerce afforded full protection. Both the White House and State Department refused to discuss the report and the German Embassy said it was cut off entirely from Berlin.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 17. A Fournier news agency dispatch from Munich quotes the Neueste Nachrichter as saying that Germany has empowered the United States to intervene with the Belgian government for the purpose of suggesting an armistice. The message attempted to give the proposed conditions, but they were rendered unintelligible by

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 17.

"without guarantees necessary to its fu-ture in the world of nations." llitary expert has inquired directly of the Krupps at Essex if 42 centimetre guns (guns of a calibre of 16.5 inches) The Krupps' reply was that such guns, transportable over land, have been manufactured but that they regret they are unable to give details at present.

The reference is to the immense siege guns which the Germans have been re-ported as using in bombarding the Bel-gian and French forts, for which they are said to have to lay tracks along roads

BERLEN, via Amsterdam, Sept. 17. representations have made through diplomatic channels to Emperer William as to whether Germany would accept another offer of mediation by the United States. A reply has been

sent to Washington, Though the contents of the reply have Metally that the Emperor pointed out that Germany had not sought the war and that it would place no obstacles in the way of peace, but under no circumstance would enter into negotiations that would threaten the territorial integrity

MANY MEN ENTOMBED IN KENTUCKY COAL MINE

to Scene of Explosion. Knexville, Tenn., Sept. 17.-Word has

been received here of an explosion in a coal mine at Rockport, Ky. Rescuers and equipment have been sent to the

The dispatch received here asked for help and stated only that a number of men had been entombed by an explo-

NO ACTION ON RATE CASE UNTIL EARLY IN OCTOBER

Officials Close to Commission Think New Hearing Will Be Held.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17,-The next step in the new five per cent, advance rate case will not be taken until the early part of October, Interstate Commerce officials today said. Then the commission will consider the petition of the Eastern fallroads for a reopening of their case. THIS CANDIDATE A HIGH FLYER Officials close to members of the com-

mission expressed the opinion that the be reopened and a date set for the new hearing.

GENERAL CONSCRIPTION ORDERED IN AUSTRIA

Francis Joseph Grieved Because Order

A Vienna dispatch to the Corrière Della era says that Austria has ordered conacciption en masse to form new armies. It adds that Emperor Francis Joseph on taking this step said:

BRYAN HAS A NEW DRINK

the Grape Juice. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- Secretary of State Bryan is introducing a new "dry" drink. He calls it "Villa Sorrento Limeade," being made of limes from Villa Sorrento, his Florida home. Sected retary of War Garrison suggests that it Villa-Carranza-Zapata. The limeade is a substitute for grape-

creasing cloudiness tonight followed by showers in the early morning and on Friday; not much change in temperature: moderate easterly winds.

For tails, see last page.

DEMOCRATS MEET TO APPROVE WAR TAX BILL

Introduction of Measure Today or Tomorrow Will Follow.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.-Democrats of the House Ways and Means Committee met today to approve the tentative draft written by Chairman Underwood of the internal revenue "war tax" bill. The Republicans will be called in later for a formal, perfunctory meeting, to be followed by a favorable report and introduction of the measure late today or to-

Underwood indicated today that some of the Spanish war tax items might not be included in the present bill. Republican committeemen plan s

scathing minority report, indicting the Democrats for alleged extravagance in

COUNCILS TO TAKE FIRST STEP FORWARD IN CITY'S ADVANCE

New Draft of Loan Bill Includes \$500,000 Item for Preliminary Work on the Subway.

The first step toward the actual connance Committee and Common Council by Councilmanic leaders last Tuesday to reapportion the new \$11,700,000 loan so as to include the item of \$500,000 for preliminary work in the transit program.

The official newspaper, the Nord Deutsche Allegemeine Zeitung, says that the stories from hostile sources that Germany is inclined to make peace and is tired of the war are entirely false.

"The German people will never lay down their arms in this war," it says, saythout guarantees necessary to its furgetions. the appropriation for transit. This committee is expected to present the reapporlonment to the general Finance Committee at a meeting to be held immediately before the session of Common Council this afternoon.

A general reapportionment of the loan otments for the Parkway, for mandamuses and for general repaying, it is planned, will be cut to provide the \$500,000 for transit. Director Norris, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Fer-ries, has also asked a new allotment of the apportlemment for the work of his lump sum of \$800,000 for general pier con-atruction, and also wants other changes His request probably will be

There was considerable discussion preceding the subcommittee meeting about a plan accredited to Councilmanic leaders to cut the payroll of the Transit Department. It was said that Councils planned to transfer \$65,000 from Director Taylor's expended salary appropriation of the \$272,000 asked by Dr. Harte for the completion of work at Byberry, Holmesburg and for repairs at the Municipal

The appropriation to the Transit Department for salaries this year was \$210,030, and on August 1 there was a balance of \$133,345.87. The transit payrell that month was \$11,417.45, leaving a balance of \$121,-929.39. Councils, it was said, figure that only \$55,000 would be needed for the rest Rescuers and Equipment Are Hurried of the year, leaving a balance of approx-

On the other hand, it has been said that in view of the universal protest against the original attitude of Councilmanic leaders, they have been ordered to keep hands off the Transit Department for the pres-

AVIATOR'S DARING AIDS JAPANESE AT KIAO-CHAU

Railroad Station in German Leasehold Taken With Little Loss.

TOKIO, Sept. 17. The capture of the railroad station at Klao-Chau was effected with slight loss to the Japanese because of the daring of an aviator who flew in a hydroaero clane from a warship outside the bay. Flying hish above the German troop gathered to resist the seizing of the rail-way terminal he dropped five bombs among them. His aim was so good that three of the bombs exploded among the tile the Germans were in disorder the Japanese charged and drove the de-

Andrew, of Massachusetts, to Campaign for Congress in Aeroplane. BOSTON, Sept. II .- Campaigning in an peroplane is one of the latest novelties in political stumping in Massachusetts. A. Platt Andrew, candidate against Congressman Gardner for the Republican nomination for Congress, has made arrangements to sail in a Burgess-Wright biplane piloted by Clifford Webster from one town to another throughout his district.

Andrew has planned to get an early start from Marblehead Saturday fore-

S. P. C. A. Wants Motor-Driven Patrol committee representing the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. usting of S. B. Rutherford, William Phillips and H. Lepper, Jr., called on Di-rector Porter today and requested that motor-driven patrol be given to the inted out that the district, in which are cluded Bustleton, Summerton, Pox-use and Lawndale and which comprises Bustleton 33 square miles, is entirely too large to permit the employment of horses, par-ticularly in view of the hard roads they have to traverse in answering emergency

SOUTHERN STORM LOST ON WAY NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The Weather fureau today announced that the Southern storm had passed inland to Georgia and that it would lose its intensity. Warnings were ordered down to the

REPUBLICANS IN

SENATE WOULD **OUST PENROSE**

La Follette, Cummins, Borah and Clapp Say His Elimination Is Party Neces-

Evening Ledger's Support of Palmer Regarded as Powerful Factor in Campaign for Political Morality.

[FROM OUR STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]
WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Republican nd Democratic Senators are silent today on the resolution introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, for an investigation by the Committee on Privileges and Elections, of the primary campaign expenses of Senator Penrose and Roger C. Sullivan, the Democratic Senatorial nominee in Illinois. Many predictions are made that the resolution will not be reported out of the committee.

Progressive Republicans like La Follette, Cummins, Borah and Clapp make no secret of their opposition to Penrose. struction of the subway and elevated and among the leaders of this wing of lines and the abolition of exchange tickets | the Republican party there is a strong will be taken today when Councils' Fi- feeling that the sooner men of the type of Penrose and William Barnes, Jr., of meet to carry out the agreement made New York, are eliminated as leaders, the better it will be for the party. On the other hand, Democrats who ten days ago were very outspoken in their opposition to the nomination of Sullivan refuse to discuss the Norris resolution

CALL FOR SPECIFIC CHARGES. Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana. chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, announced today that the committee would be called for a special session within a few days to consider the Norris resolution. Senator Kern told is little prospect of an investigation of the Pennsylvania and Illinois primary campaigns unless Senator Norris is willing to incorporate into his resolution defi-nite and specific charges of the misuse of money by Penrose and Sullivan "to probably will be made. The original al- the end that we may have something to investigate.

The repudiation of Senator Penrose the Evening Ledger and the PUBLIC LEDGER has caused more comment in department. He wants two items of \$600,- the re-election of Penrose, now express 600 and \$200,000 to be incorporated in a fear that Representative A. Mitchell Palmer will be elected to the Senate. Pen-rose is expected to visit Washington within a few days to confer with his which has, however, made clear that the friends in the Senate for the purpose, it is believed, of bringing every pressure to bear to keep the Norris resolution from being reported out of the committee. LEDGER A BULWARK FOR PALMER. Secretary of the Navy Daniels today

"The strong support that is being given to the candidacy of Representative Palmer by the PUBLIC LEDGER and Evening Ledger has, I believe, turned the tide in Pennsylvania. Those who a few weeks ago thought Mr. Palmer was engaged in a hopeless fight are now satis-fied that he has more than an even chance to win the senatorship in Penn-

Colonel Thomas C. Pence, assistant to

National Chairman William F. McCombs, "No one thing is going to contribute so much to making the election of Represen-tative Palmer certain as the stand taken by the Evening Ledger and the PUBLIC LEDGER. Mr. Palmer is making a wonderful campaign and the support of the Curtis newspapers will, in my opinion, make the defeat of Penrose possible. The repudiation of Senator Penrose by these newspapers has occasioned much comamong Senators and Representatives of both parties."

ENGLAND OFFICIALLY SENDS APOLOGY FOR CARDEN CRITICISM

Ambassador Spring - Rice Expresses His Government's Regret for Attack On Wilson by British Diplomat.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- The British Government today, through Ambassador Spring-Rice, apologized and expressed a great regret to the American Government for the American Government the interview alleged to have been given by Sir Lionel Carden, in which Carden criticised the administration for withdrawing the troops from Vera Cruz-Sir Lionel Carden was banished from Mexico by Provisional President Car-ranga. This was the surprising statement made today by a high offi-cial. It was intimated that be-cause of the known animus of Sir Lionel arden for the Mexican Constitutional Government, the Washington Administra-tion would take no further notice of the diplomat's recent interview in New York in which he characterized the withdrawal American troops as a "desperate

Carden is now on his way to England, and from there will go to Brazil where he has been accredited by his Government. published criticism of drawal of American troops from Mexico was resarded in administration circles was resarded in administration circles today as unfair and untrue. No official confirmation of the widely printed interview was at hand, government authorities inclined to view it as the outburs of a diplomat, admittedly personally dis-gruntled at the Carranza administration. A high diplomat here stated today that would not be surprised if France uld withdraw her Ambassador to Mex-

nks by the Constitutionalists. In

occause of the treatment of nuns and as by the Constitutionalists. In dipmatic circles it became more evident that serious difficulties in securing complete recognition from foreign Powers sonfront the Constitutionalists.

U. S. ASKS BRAZIL TO EXPLAIN

Government Wants to Know Why Clearance Papers Were Refused. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17,-The United

States today called upon Brazil for an explanation of her refusal to issue clearance papers to the steamship Robert

MT. LASSEN'S NEW FISSURE

Ash-laden Vapor Escapes From West Side, Below Summit Crater,

MINERAL, Cal., Sept. 17.—Vast quantities of ash-laden steam vapor are escaping today as a result of a violent eruption yesterday at Lassen Peak. The vapor is escaping from the west side of the mountain below the rim of the sum-mit crater. The indications are that the crater will fill up and that future erup

MAYOR IN MESSAGE ECHOES DEMAND OF PEOPLE FOR REFORM

Vecessity of Providing Funds for Transit Development and South Philadelphia Improvements Are Especially Emphasized.

Mayor Blankenburg's third annual message, submitted to Councils this afternoon, brought to the attention of the legislative bodies the demands of the people for great municipal improvements.

Necessity of providing funds for the beginning of transit development and for the elimination of grade crossings in South Philadelphia is particularly emphasized.

"The financial problems of the city are peculiarly the province of your honorable bodies, and I ask for them your early and careful attention," says the Mayor in his Evening Ledger, however, that there argument for the great civic betterments "The improvements which seemed im

opinion demands that prompt action be taken to provide for them. "Fublic improvements of the greatest importance to the city were included in

the \$8,600,000 loan, authorized by popular Washington than has the resolution of vote at the election in November, 1913. Senator Norris. Republicans of the old and the \$12,900,000 loan whose submission vote at the election in November, 1913, school type, who have been confident of to a special election was provided for by the re-election of Penrose, now express a later ordinance of Councils. "These particular loans were prevented by a decision of the Supreme Court,

> larger part of these amounts can now splendid condition of Philadelphia's financial credit in connection with the flotation of municipal loans. "It is not known that any other American city was able to float four per cent. bonds at par last

year," he says. WANTS WASTE AREA RECLAIMED Realization of the plan to transform South Philadelphia below Oregon avenue from a waste area to an important industrial, commercial and residential part of the city by the elimination of railroad grade crossings is declared by the Mayor to occupy the place of first importance among the achievements of his

Administration in 1913. "It means the realization of improvements which have been talked of for more than a score of years." he says. "It includes the completion of the Belt Line system and the transfer of the terminals of a great railroad from a point on the Delaware, where the development of South Philadelphia was held in check, to a point contiguous to League Island, adding a new value to this great naval

city of a water front that will enable for the accommodation of large steamships, and thus we may realize the hope to restore Philadelphia to its former posiion as one of the great scaports of the

Mayor Blankenburg calls attention to through the efforts of his administration by having an act passed by the Legislature making it possible for bonds of an authorized loan to be sold only when the money is actually needed, thus effecting savings in interest and sinking fund

COUNCILS SCORED FOR INACTIVITY. Councils are scored by the Mayor for failure to co-operate with him in an effort to put the city's finances on a sound basis "I entered office determined as far as lay in my power to put the finances of the city in such shape that the 'pay-as-yougo' act could be honestly obeyed and there would be no excuse for paying current expenses out of borrowed money," he says

"My efforts were not seconded by Coun-

cils and as a result, the old unsound sys-

tem of resorting to loans to pay current expenses still exists. Appropriations have been made in a haphagard way and regardless of the have been ignored, and sometimes the original appropriations in the annual dget have not amounted to one-quarter

of the money needed. "The city's income has been inadequate for its wants, largely owing to the fact. as a cursory investigation showed, that the assessment of real estate was unjust and inequitable. A readjustment of assessments seemed imperative before the could be placed in proper financial

Efforts of the Mayor to have more equitable assessments made in many instances are declared by him to have ecomplished to some extent in the 1914

The Mayor points out that fullure of John P. Connelly, Charles Segor and Harry J. Trainer to sign the report of finances, which, he asserts, would have established modern methods of assessment, is responsible for preventing the submission of the report to Councils.

ALLIES' ASSAULTS ON AISNE ENTRENCHMENTS

The War Summary

allies are hurling forces again and again upon the strongly entrenched lines of Germans north of the river and have been repulsed in each advance. The position of the Kaiser's forces is said to be so strong that attacks are made only at heavy losses

General von Kluk's army on the German right wing is in danger of being surrounded, London reporting his forces already hemmed in.

French War Office, at Bordeaux, announces that the Germans have been compelled to raise the siege at Verdun and that the Crown Prince's army again has been forced back.

German official War Office statement today explains the retreat of the Germans in France was only to their prepared positions and to enable the troops to recover from their earlier exertions. It is announced that the general battle now in progress is proceeding favorably to the German

Przemysl, the strong fortification on the San, near where the Austrian armies are reported to have effected a junction, has been captured by the compelled to take a final stand at Cracow, near the meeting point of Russian, Austrian and German bor-

proceeding west through Poland to- giving this information: army corps (\$20,000 men) from East strengly entrenched positions."

Advices from Vienna, however, state is not ended and that the junction fresh offensive tactics between the San and Vistula, with the object of Przemysł and Cracow, thus protecting Central Austro-Hungary on one hand, and Silesia on the other, from Russian encroachments.

German forces to the number of 320,000 are reported from Petrograd to have been withdrawn from the East Prussian campaign and rushed to aid the Kaiser's forces defending their postcomprise the force reported moving. many is rapidly withdrawing her veteran troops from all the large cities and towns. They are being rushed to reinforce the army of Von

to replace the veterans. British War Office says the general circling movement.

according to reports in Petrograd.

drawn from the proposed invasion Marns are re-forming. of Slavonia. Air scouts detected a Hosnia, however, continues,

tria and Germany. Soldiers have been called, ready to quell rioting street demonstrations already having reached almost unmanageable

PRESIDENTIAL TENT FOLDED Canvas Covering Removed From White House Lawn.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 -directiont Wilson has folded his tent. No longer does the canvas covered sum

mer office stand on the rear lawn of the White House. It was removed today. The President will not miss it much As a matter of fact it was not a success. Erected under his orders in order to give him a cool petreat in which to work on hot days, it fulled of its purpose. It was not a cool retreat. The Concluded on Page 22 | inside office was cooler.

Kaiser's Artillery Mows Down British As They Force Passage of the Aisne. German Line Repulses French Infantry As They Storm Defenses.

Flanking Movement to Cut Off Army of Von Kluk Reported Successful-Both Sides Bring Up Powerful Guns and Great Duel Is On.

The Germans have effectively repulsed the attack of the allies on the entrenched line of the enemy along

The forces of the allies, however, moved forward at two points in the great battle line, which stretches from Novon in an almost direct eastern line

In the valley of the Alsne River, east of the Argonne, the French advanced, while at these extreme western end of the line the British have made secure their foothold on the north bank of

Again and again have the allies attacked the German lines, but except

fighting is going on all along the line.

believe that these movements will violence everywhere. Allies have refatally expose Berlin, if the Kalser pulsed a flerce counter attack athas, as reported, withdrawn eight tempted by the Germans from their

The war office issued an official

Prussia and Galicia to reinforce the Heavy reinforcements have reached German right wing and General von Kluk's army, taking the offensive, is striking fiercely at the allies' left. New French troops are being rushed of the armies of Generals Danki and to the vicinity of Noyon from the army of the defense of Paris.

This statement was made by a high

Government official at noon today: suddenly become very strong, indicating that the enemy is making another effort to cut our line. Along the centre the Germans show less strength, while on their left their position is almost

bombardment of Rheims, but with little effect. Should the enemy win the vance on Paris will naturally follow. we believe General von Kluk's

It is believed here that the Germans have succeeded in withdrawing a large portion of their eastern army from Kluk. New garrisons of the naval Prussia, and have hurried it into acreserve and Landwehr have arrived tion in another attempt to break

The official War Office statement isallies, but makes no statement re- sued at Bordeaux at 3:15 this aftergarding the battle now in progress noon, and made public at General Gai-Turkey has an army within Russian battle continues along the entire front borders along the Bulgaria River, between the Rivers Oise and the Meuse. with the Germans resisting the French It is said a German cavalry officer advance at all points in an effort to prevent the carrying of their fortified Servia announces officially that the positions behind which the armies Crown Prince's army has been with- which participated in the battle of the

"The battle continues along the entrap laid by Austrian forces and the tire front between the Oise and the Germans flercely resisting the French Italy clamors for war against Aus. attack and fortifying their positions

losss yet sustained by them. The allies are still bombarding the German positions along the Aisne Biver. The Germans, despite the difficulties caused by heavy rains of the past week, have brought up most of their guns, and the greatest artillery duel that the world has ever heard of is in progress. At least 5000 guns are believed to be engaged.

The Germans thus far have repulsed the efforts of the British and French forces to drive them back from the hills along the Alsne. The alites have been unable to secure a firm foothold on the north side of the river, al-

PARIS, Sept. 17. | points under a terrific concentrated fire from the German batteries.

> The efforts of the Fifth French ish Corps are concentrated in an endeavor to shatter the German line commanded by General von Kluk, The French are driving from the west, while the British are striking up from the southeast.

> The fighting at this point on the 120mile front is deadly to both sides. The British attack on the German right wing centres around to the north of Soissons. No details have been received as to the fighting along the allies' centre and right flank

the British army has been successful in its flank movement and that Von

lowed the attempt of the allies to flank the German right, perilously ex-

The losses of the allies have been far heavier in the last two days than German counter assaults have been determined and have required frequent of the bayonet in checking them But it has been in the general assaults that the French have lost

The German artillery fire continues particularly deadly. Their batteries, masked in the hills which for the most part constitute their new positions, are served with the utmost precision. while their rapid firers, mounted on automobiles, simply mow down the French who attempt to carry the German lines by storm.

It is evident that the Germans have massed all their available strength along the battle line to hold back the pursuit of the allies. The battle front is about the same as it was yesterday. It extends from a point near Noyon across the plains to the north of Vicsur-Aisne, near Soissons and Laon, and thence over the heights north and northwest of Rheims; thence to the north of Ville-sur-Tourbe and from there through Verennes in the northern part of the Argonne region to Meuse,

The position held by the Germans around Laon is particularly strongmassed on a hill which rises above a big area of marshy ground. The ailies are compelled to cross this marsh land before they can attempt to dislodge the

General Gallieni, the Military Governor of Paris, declared that dispatches to the military authorities here from the front show that the allies have been gaining ground since the fight opened, although slowly.

"The Germans have been compelled to yield under the pressure of the French and British, despite their reinforcements," said General Galliens again be in rapid retirement before the end of the present week. T invaders fell back to a good position, but their strength and the power of fore the glorious bravery and dash of our men. The artillery duel which is going on is one of the mightiest known to warfare, with guns of tremendous power used on both sides. We have been fortunate in stiencing a number of German batteries that commanded fordable points on the

The great battle front is admitted by the French military authorities to give the Germans an advantage, if they have a sufficient supply of ammunition though they gained crossings at three to hold it. The line of the German

Was Needed, Dispatch Adds. ROME, Sept. 17.

"I have never felt so grieved over a de-cision of such gravity."

noon and fly to Swampscott for his first

"Villa Sorrento Limeade" Displaces

WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity-In-

GERMANS HURL BACK